

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



Downtown Cityscape and the Sacramento River

The unique 28-acre National Historic Landmark District and State Historic Park is located along the beautiful Sacramento River. Bustling with activity, the district is alive with shopping, dining, entertainment, historical attractions, businesses and world-renowned museums set within the time of the California Gold Rush and the Transcontinental Railroad.

The Sacramento River is the largest river and watershed system in California (by discharge, it is the second largest U.S. river draining into the Pacific, after the Columbia River). This 27,000–square mile basin drains the eastern slopes of the Coast Range, Mount Shasta, the western slopes of the southernmost region of the Cascades, and the northern portion of the Sierra Nevada. The Sacramento River carries 31 percent of the state’s total surface water runoff and provides drinking water for residents of northern and southern California, supplies farmers with the lifeblood of California’s agricultural industry and is a vital organ for hundreds of wildlife species. Primary tributaries to the Sacramento River are the Pit, Feather, and American Rivers. It is also home to more than 2 million northern Californians.

Recreation in the Sacramento River includes fishing (salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, trout, striped and shad), boating, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water and jet skiing.

For more information on the Sacramento River, please visit:

<http://www.sacriverguide.com/>, <http://www.sacramentoriver.org/>

<http://www.friendsoftheriver.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FORCalRiversSacramentoRiver>

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=461&linkname=Colusa-Sacramento%20River%20State%20Recreation%20Area](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=461&linkname=Colusa-Sacramento%20River%20State%20Recreation%20Area)

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